

MOOD BOARD

Have you ever had an experience where you come up with a solution that would work to address an issue, but (for whatever reason) it just does not quite feel right?

Sometimes one of the most effective strategies to head off this issue from happening is to define beforehand what you would like the solution you are developing to actually "feel like".

One of our favorite strategies to do this is to have students create mood boards. Within this technique, students create a collage that captures the overall "feeling" or mood that they would like the final solution to have.

DIRECTIONS:

Gather various materials (e.g. magazines, paper, letters, stickers, etc.) for students to create their collage with.

In small groups, have the students use the materials (magazines, paper, scissors, etc.) to create a collage on a sturdy piece of paper, cardboard, or canvas that represents the feeling or mood they would like their final solution to have.

Make sure that every student gets to contribute elements and imagery to the board.

Explain to students that they should work from "the gut" and not over think what they put on the collage. The collage does not have to capture everything that will be in the final solution, but the mood or feeling the solution will have.

